

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Ole Mathiassen

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Name of person signing Lori M. Beggs

Signature _____

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

A decision dated March 15, 2000 concerning the above-identified petition has been received. In that decision, the Patent and Trademark Office requires three additional items of information:

- (1) A statement that the certificate of the Court of
Sonderborg, Denmark, is a true copy.
- (2) Apparently, execution of the declaration by both legal representatives.
- (3) A translation of a two page document entitled “SKIFTEFULDMAGT”.

It is unclear from page 2 of the March 15, 2000 decision exactly what is being requested by the Patent and Trademark Office, but it appears that the Patent and Trademark Office is

requesting that execution be by both executors, namely, Ib Mathiassen and Inger Elisabeth Mathiassen. If that is the case, reconsideration is requested since there is nothing in the Rules or Manual that appear to require any such paper.

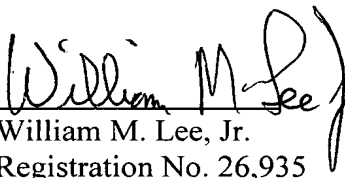
37 C.F.R. §1.497(a) and (b) relate to the requirements of a oath or declaration, and specifically speak of both the manner of execution and also the fact that all inventors must sign except in a situation such as the present situation. However, in all sections of the Rules, and in all sections of the Manual, there is nothing that requires signature by all legal representatives, if there is more than one legal representative. All that is required is that execution be on behalf of the inventor, if the inventor is unable to sign. That is what has occurred here, where Ib Mathiassen has executed on behalf of the inventor.

It is therefore requested that the Patent and Trademark Office reconsider any requirement that execution be by both Ib Mathiassen and Inger Elisabeth Mathiassen. So long as Ib Mathiassen has proper authority, which will be adequately demonstrated, then only signature by Ib Mathiassen is all that is needed.

An immediate reconsideration is requested, given the two months that the Patent and Trademark Office has allotted.

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Respectfully submitted,


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